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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS AS OF SEPT. 14

FYI FOR AMBASSADOR

1. SUMMARY. MILITARY CONTINUES MEET SOME RESISTANCE, BUT

ATMOSPHERE APPEARS TO BE NORMALIZING AT FASTER PACE.

ARMY'S GENERAL PINOCHET BECAME NEW PRESIDENT AND LARGELY

MILITARY CABINET NOW SWORN IN. DESPITE MILITARY RETI-

CENCE ON FUTURE ELECTIONS, MAJOR NON-MARXIST PARTIES HAVE

EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT TO JUNTA. JUNTA'S ALTERCATION

WITH CUBA WILL GO TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL. INTERNATIONAL-

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LY, COUP HAS BEEN WIDELY CONDEMNED, BUT THREE LATIN

GOVERNMENTS HAVE ANNOUNCED CONTINUANCE OF RELATIONS. END  
SUMMARY.

2. FOURTH DAY OF MILITARY CONTROL WITNESSED VISIBLY  
MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE IN SANTIAGO. MANY VENTURED INTO  
STREETS DURING DAYLIGHT BREAK IN CURFEW, INCLUDING SOME  
"SIGHTSEERS" AMONG PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND FACTORIES WHICH  
BORE BRUNT OF PREVIOUS DAYS' FIGHTING. PASSENGER TRAINS  
REPORTED NOW REACHING SANTIAGO, HIGHWAY TO VALPARAISO  
OPEN AND BANKS SET TO REOPEN AFTER WEEKEND. INTERNATIONAL-  
AL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ARE BECOMING AVAILABLE

TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND ACCREDITED NEWSMEN, ALTHOUGH  
NEWS DESPATCHES ARE BEING MONITORED. INTERNATIONAL  
FLIGHTS NOT EXPECTED TO RESUME UNTIL NEXT WEEK, AND  
BORDERS REMAIN CLOSED.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING PROGRESSIVE SIGNS OF NORMALIZATION,  
EMBASSY SANTIAGO CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF MILITARY  
ACTIONS (INCLUDING AIR ASSAULTS) AGAINST INTRANSIGENTS  
IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING AREAS. SPORADIC FIRING WAS STILL  
AUDIBLE IN DOWNTOWN AREA.

4. EL MERCURIO, ONE OF TWO ANTI-MARXIST PAPERS PERMITTED  
TO PUBLISH, CARRIED FIRST OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST--16.  
ESTIMATES VARY WIDELY, BUT ALL CONCEDE THEY HAVE BEEN  
HEAVY, AS "PACIFICATION" PROCEEDS.

5. GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET, ARMY REPRESENTATIVE ON  
FOUR-SERVICE JUNTA, WAS SWORN IN AS JUNTA PRESIDENT  
SEPT. 12 ALONG WITH NEW, OVERWHELMINGLY MILITARY, CABINET.

6. MAJOR NON-MARXIST PARTIES HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS  
SUPPORTING JUNTA. PREDICTABLY, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS'  
ENDORSEMENT PROVED MORE CAUTIOUS THAN THAT OF CONSERVATIVE  
NATIONAL PARTY.

7. CARDINAL SILVA HAS ISSUED CALL TO RESPECT FALLEN,  
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ESPECIALLY ALLENDE, AND FOR MODERATION BY VICTORS. HE  
HOPED FOR COOPERATION OF ALL TO RESTORE ECONOMIC LIFE  
AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. JUNTA HAS OFFERED NO TIMETABLE  
FOR ITS MANDATE. NEW FONMIN, ADM. ISMAEL HUERTA, HAS  
SIMPLY OBSERVED THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION WOULD LAST AS  
LONG AS NECESSARY.

8. JUNTA HAS GIVEN PRIORITY TO REGULARIZING DISTRIBUTION

OF PROGRESSIVELY MORE SCANTY FOOD SUPPLIES. AS CONTEMPLATED, NEW SYSTEM WOULD EMPHASIZE RETAIL RATHER THAN THE QUASI-POLITICAL OUTLETS ESTABLISHED UNDER ALLENDE. THIS WAS A MAJOR MIDDLE CLASS AND PRIVATE SECTOR GRIEVANCE AGAINST ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

9. INTERNATIONALLY, JUNTA FORMALLY BROKE RELATIONS WITH CUBA. UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS SET SEPT. 17 TO HEAR CUBAN COMPLAINTS OF CHILEAN ATTACKS AGAINST ITS EMBASSY AND ONE OF ITS FREIGHTERS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT JUNTA IS FOR TIME BEING CONFINING AT LEAST SOME COMMUNIST MISSIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CHANCERIES. BE

THAT AS IT MAY, NEW REGIME IS REPORTEDLY CONCERNED OVER ADVERSE REACTION TO COUP IN MANY COUNTRIES. SO FAR THREE NATIONS--BRAZIL, GUATEMALA AND URUGUAY--HAVE RECOGNIZED. BRAZIL IS ALSO SENDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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